(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Tourists visit places of interest to them like historical places, places of pilgrimage, beaches, mountains and for adventure, etc.

(d) States which are liked by both foreign and domestic tourist are Uttar Praesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal, etc.

Development of Buddhist circuit near Visakhapatnam

1071. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state the progress made in developing a Buddhist circuit with necessary infrastructure between Visakhapatnam and Bhimli to attract foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified the following Buddhist sites in Visakhapatnam District:

1. Sankaram
2. Bhavikonda
3. Thotlakonda
4. Kottur
5. Pavuralakonda

Under their District Tourism Plan, the State Government have selected the following Buddhist places in Visakhapatnam for development for the benefit of foreign as well as domestic tourists:

(a) Sankaram for providing shelter, cafeteria and recreational facilities.

(b) Bhavikonda—Ghat road and improvements to monuments.